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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PACKARD

SUBJECT: General Bennett's Participation in the ExCom

General Bennett's proposal (TAB A) that he act as the Military Intelligence Staff Advisor for the ExCom is a good idea. As you know, Carl Duckett advises Dick Helms on both technical and intelligence questions. Johnny Foster advises you essentially on R&D considerations. You currently have no one in the ExCom to advise you from a military intelligence perspective.

Don Bennett correctly observes that Carl Duckett comments on intelligence matters from a "national" perspective. But as a voting member of USIB, Don provides the military input in formulating the "national" intelligence perspective. General Bennett's military intelligence expertise would complement Johnny Foster's R&D orientation and would also balance Carl Duckett's two-hat situation. We could also benefit from Don's views in the evolving question of tactical vs. national intelligence needs to be served by the NRP.

Theoretically, of course, you can and do task--on an issue basis--either Bob Froehlke or Don Bennett for staff assistance in NRP matters. That brings up another point: You might want Bob Froehlke to present a coordinated Defense intelligence position, incorporating views of both Noel Gayler and Don Bennett.

I favor a limited role for Don--one in which he would speak strictly as the principal Military Intelligence Officer

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of DOD. Such an arrangement would work generally like this: In coordination with Bob Froehlke, Don would identify specific NRP issues where input from the military intelligence perspective would aid ExCom decision-making. If you wished, he could prepare position summaries for you on those issues. He would attend ExCom meetings in an advisory capacity.

The attached memo (TAB B) for your signature to Don Bennett sets forth the things I've outlined above. Bob Froehlke concurs.

2 Attachments
1. Ltr frm Gen Bennett
(TAB A)
2. Ltr to Gen Bennett
(TAB B)